

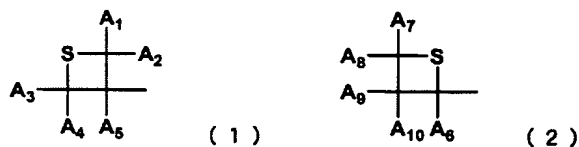
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A compound comprising one or two or more thietane groups and a metal atom in a molecule.

2. (Original) A compound comprising one or two or more thietane groups represented by the general formulae (1) and/or (2) and a metal atom in a molecule.

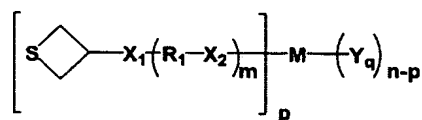


wherein, in the formula, A₁ to A₁₀ each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a monovalent inorganic or organic residue.

3. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim ~~1~~ or 2, wherein the metal atom is ~~[[an]]~~ a Sn atom, ~~[[an]]~~ a Si atom, a Zr atom, a Ge atom, a Ti atom, a Zn atom, an Al atom, a Fe atom, a Cu atom, a Pt atom, a Pb atom, an Au atom or an Ag atom.

4. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim ~~1 or~~ 2, wherein the metal atom is ~~[[an]] a~~ Sn atom, ~~[[an]] a~~ Si atom, a Zr atom, a Ti atom, a Ge atom, an Al atom, a Pb atom or a Zn atom.

5. (Currently Amended) The compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 2, represented by the general formula (3),



(3)

wherein, in the formula, M represents a metal atom; X₁ and X₂ each independently represent a sulfur atom or an oxygen atom; R₁ represents a divalent organic group; m represents an integer of 0 or 1 or more; p represents an integer of from 1 to n; q represents an integer of from 1 to (n-p); n represents a valence of a metal atom M; Y_q each independently represent an inorganic or organic residue; and when q is 2 or more, Y_q may be bonded to one another for forming a ring structure with the intermediary of a metal atom M.

6. (Currently Amended) A polymerizable composition comprising at least one or more kinds of the compounds as described in ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 2.

7. (Original) A resin obtained by polymerization of the polymerizable composition as described in claim 6.

8. (Original) An optical component composed of the resin as described in claim 7.

9. (New) The compound according to claim 1, wherein the metal atom is a Sn atom, a Si atom, a Zr atom, a Ge atom, a Ti atom, a Zn atom, an Al atom, a Fe atom, a Cu atom, a Pt atom, a Pb atom, an Au atom or an Ag atom.

10. (New) The compound according to claim 1, wherein the metal atom is a Sn atom, a Si atom, a Zr atom, a Ti atom, a Ge atom, an Al atom, a Pb atom or a Zn atom.

11. (New) A polymerizable composition comprising at least one or more kinds of the compounds as described in claim 1.

12. (New) A resin obtained by polymerization of the polymerizable composition as described in claim 11.

13. (New) An optical component composed of the resin as described in claim 12.